CENTRAL SECTOR

i). Soil Conservation in the catchments of River Valley Projects.

ii) Integrated Watershed Management in the catchments of Flood Prone Rivers.

iii) National Watershed Development Project in Rainfed Areas.

iv) Reclamation of Ravinous Area in Dacoity Prone Districts of Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh.

v) Control of Shifting Cultivation.

vi) Drought Prone Area Programme.

vii) Desert Development Programme.

viii) National Wastelands Development Programme.

ix) Social Forestry.

Embryo-Transfer Technology

5819. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH HOODA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether vast advances have been made in embroyo-transfer technology under animal genetic improvement programmes;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to popularies this technology so as to benefit the poor farmers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THEMINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The research in embryo transfer technology covers cattle, buffaloes, and goats. As result of the research, the first ever in-vitro fertilized embryo-transferred calf, named "Pratham", was born in November, 1990.

(c) The technology is being standardised and training programmes are conducted for personnel having adequate background in the filed of reproduction.

Use of Hazardous Pesticides

5820. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDIN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the pesticides produced or imported which are considered to be a health hazard; and

(b) the reason for the continued use of such -pesticides?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b). The Registration Committee constituted under the Insecticides Act, 1986 registers relatively safe pesticides for production or import into the country. Eighteen pesticides which were considered to be more toxin/hazardous have been refused registration, so far. Besides, nine pesticides which were earlier in use in the country have been banned.

Self-Employment Schemes for Handicapped Persons

5821. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI:Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have introduced/propose to introduce any self-employment schemes for handicapped; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM kESRI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

Construction of Fire Service Station in Delhi

5822. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the scheme to introduce computerisation in the Delhi Fire Service has been shelved;

(b) if so, the reaons thereof;

(c) the number of fire service stations proposed to be constructed in Delhi during 1992-93; and

(d) the funds allocated for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB).(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Delhi Fire Service has reported that the construction of four fire Stations at Bhikajicama Place, Nehru Place, District Central Laxmi Nagar and Wazirpur Industrial Area are hearing completion. These Stations will start functioning soon after taking possession.

Construction work of Fire Stations at Jawalapuri, Najafgarh, Janak Puri, Mandawali, Rohini, Narala (DSIDC complex) and Jahangir Puri is in Progress.

(d) Rs. 4 crores have been allocated for the construction of fire stations in the year 1992-93 and Rs. 3 crore have been allocated for the computerisation scheme in the 8th Five Year Plan 1992-97 out of which Rs. 50 lacs have been allocated for the year 1992-93.

Shelter for Militants in Hospital in Jammu and Kashmir

5823. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any instance of terrorists taking shelter in some major hospitals in Jammu and Kashmir have come to the notice of the Government recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any arrests have been made in this connection;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the number of hospitals in the State believed to be giving shelter to terrorists; and

(f) the action taken/being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) to (f). A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT

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The Government of Jammu & Kashmir have informed that reports of terrorists taking shelter in some of the hospitals due to the pressure by the security forces were received by them. Acting on specific informa-